

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The Menomonie Historic Preservation Commission held its April, 2012, meeting at City Hall on Monday, April 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Betty Verdon, Tim Dotseth, Tom Twohig, Mary Solberg and Peggy Terry. Also present: Kenneth E. Schofield, Joanie Dulin and Mayor Randy Knaack.

Tom Twohig was designated as acting chairperson in the absence of Chairperson Micek.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes for the March 12, 2012, meeting be approved. This motion passed unanimously.

There were two (2) Certificates of Appropriateness presented for consideration to the Commission.

The first application was from Joan Navarre for the Hamerly property at 331-335 Main Street East. The application was approved unanimously. See attached.

The second application was presented from Olson Properties 3 LLC by Dan Olson for the Arcade Building at 214-226 Main Street. The Commission was concerned that there was no description of what restoration and repair was going to occur once the Sand Pebble sheets and the green awning were removed.

The Commission approved (1) the removal of the Sand Pebble sheets on ground level, (2) the removal of the green awning, and (3) the future re-placement of the currently existing commercial signs on the front of the building for businesses located at the above addresses.

However, the Commission did not approve, at this time, the applicant's request to:

"Restore/repair of existing wall and any openings behind awning and Pebble sheets".

The reason for the decision to not approve the request was because the area currently covered by the Sand Pebble sheets and green awning is now sight unseen and a restoration and/or repair plan has not been proposed by the applicant or forwarded to the Commission for its review.

The Commission committed itself to hold a special meeting to review a written proposal by the applicant for replacement and/or repair of the area currently covered by the Sand Pebble sheets and green awning, said special meeting time and date to be set upon receipt by the Commission of said written proposal.

Mr. Schofield was directed to send a letter to Mr. Olson regarding this conditional permission.

Mayor Knaack spoke to the Commission concerning a complaint regarding the signage and lighting for Topper's Pizza at 406 Main Street. Mr. Schofield indicated that the Commission had complied with the requirements of the Historic District's Sign Guidelines and that the building inspector's office had approved the signage based upon its review of the general sign ordinance applicable to the entire City.

Chuck Backus, Executive Director of the Dunn County Historical Society, spoke to the Commission about Dan Riordan's interest in coming before the Commission at its next meeting, relative to historic signage in the Stokke Trail/Knapp, Stout/Parker Pen/Piano Factory area.

Mr. Backus also indicated that the Walking Tour Guidebook was being worked on but due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Steffen was not able to finalize the document as of this time.

The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Schofield
Recording Secretary